

LAZARRE

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BOOK III.
CHAPTER X—(Continued).

"The blood must have rushed over my face. I had a submerged feeling, looking out of it at the priest."

"Well, Monseigneur?"

"It is like her heavenly goodness." "Do you see nothing but her heavenly goodness in it?"

"This is the message?"

"It is a message I crossed the ocean to bring."

"With the consent of her uncle?"

"Madame d'Angouleme ever expresses a wish contrary to the wishes of his majesty."

"We are then to suppose that Louis XVIII. Marquis de Fleury had told me a mass of superstition. No doubt he had behaved, as Bellenger said, for the good of the royalist cause. But the sanction of heaven was not on his behavior. Bonaparte was let loose on him like the dragon from the pit. And Frenchmen, after yawning for months or so in the King's august face, threw up their hats for the dragon."

"I never have seen the most stupid man let his power to rule if somebody held him into the saddle."

"Let us go further with our suppositions." "I said, 'Suppose I decline?'"

"I heard Madame de Ferrier gasp."

"In that case you will be quite willing to give me a signed paper declaring your reasons?"

"I sign no paper."

"Let me suggest that Monseigneur is not consistent. He neither resigns his supposed rights nor will he exercise them."

"I will neither resign them nor exercise them."

"This is virtually resigning them."

"The abbe will pardon me for saying it is not. My rights are mine, whether I use them or not."

"Monseigneur understands that opportunity is a visitor that comes but once."

"I understand that the most extraordinary thing has happened today that will ever go unrecorded in history. One Bourbon offers to give away a throne he has lost and another Bourbon refuses it."

"You may well say it will go unrecorded in history. Excepting this lady—the abbe bowed toward Eagle—there is no witness."

"Wise precautions have been taken," I agreed. "This scrap of paper may mean anything or nothing."

"You decline?" he repeated.

"I think France is done with the Bourbons, monsieur the abbe. A fine spectacle they have made of themselves, cooling Napoleon's shoes! Will I go sneaking and trembling to range myself among impotent kings and wrangle over a country that wants none of us? No, I never will! I see where my father slipped. I see where the 18th Louis failed. I am a man tenacious beyond belief. You cannot lose my grip when I take hold. But I never have taken hold, I never will take hold of my native country, struggling as she is to throw off hereditary rule."

"You are an American!" said Abbe Edgeworth contemptuously.

"If France called to me out of need, I would fight for her. A lifetime of peaceful years I would toss away in minutes to die in one achieving battle for her. But she neither calls me nor needs me. A king is not simply an appearance—a continuation of hereditary rights."

"Your position is incredible," said the priest.

"I do not belittle the prospect you open before me. I see the practical difficulties, but I see well the magnificence beyond them."

"Then why do you hesitate?"

"I don't hesitate. A man is contemptible who stands shivering and longing outside of what he dares not attempt. I would dare if I longed. But I don't long."

"Monseigneur believes there will be complications?"

"I know my own obstinacy. A man who tried to work me with strings behind a throne would think he was struck by lightning."

"Sire," Madame de Ferrier spoke out, "this is the hour of my life. Take your kingdom."

"I should have to take it, madame, if

I got it. My uncle of Provence has nothing to give me. He merely says, 'My dear nephew, if Europe knocks Napoleon down, will you kindly take hold of a crank which is too heavy for me, and turn it for the good of the Bourbons? We may thus keep the royal machine in the family!'"

"You have given no adequate reason for declining this offer," said the priest.

"I will give no reason. I simply decline."

"Is this the explanation that I shall make to Madame d'Angouleme? Think of the tender sister who says—'Louis, you are recalled!'"

"I do think of her. God bless her! Must I tell her that Monseigneur planted his feet like one of these wild cattle, and went, and fed from the contemplation of a throne?"

"You will dress it up in your own felicitous way, monsieur."

"What do you wish me to say?"

"That I decline. I have not pressed the embarrassing question of why I was not recalled long ago. I reserve to myself the privilege of declining without saying why I decline."

"He must be made to change his mind, monsieur!" Madame de Ferrier exclaimed.

"I am not a man that changes his mind every time the clock strikes."

"I took the padlocked book out of my breast and laid it upon the table. I looked at the priest, not at her. The padlocked book seemed to have no more to do with the conversation than a hat or a pair of gloves."

"She set her clenched hands on her knees."

"Sire!"

"I faced her. The coldest look I ever saw in her gray eyes repelled me, as she deliberately said:

"You are not such a fool!"

"I stared back as coldly and sternly, and deliberately answered:

"I am—just—such a fool!"

"Consider how any person who might be to blame for your decision would despise you for it afterwards!"

"A boy in the first flush of his youth," Abbe Edgeworth said, his fine jaws squared with a grin, "might throw away a kingdom for some woman who took his fancy, and whom he could not have, perhaps, unless he did throw his kingdom away. And after he had done it he would hate the woman. But a young man in his strength doesn't do such things!"

"A king who hasn't spirit to be a king!" Madame de Ferrier mocked.

I mercilessly faced her down.

(CONCLUDED TOMORROW)

FORTI POSIZIONI DEL NEMICO ATTACcate DA LE TRUPPE ITALIANE

GLI Austriaci Sono Battuti dalle Forze di Cadorna Che li Attaccano nelle Loro Posizioni di Plezzo

VANIATTACCHITEUTONICI

In Attesa Che la Bulgaria Decida in Modo Definitivo sul Suo Atteggimento

ROMA, 14 Settembre.

Ieri sera il Ministero della Guerra pubblicava il seguente comunicato ufficiale ricavato dal rapporto del generale Cadorna:

"Sull'altopiano a nord-ovest di Arseno il nemico continuò a bombardare le nostre posizioni di Monte Maronia. Il fuoco del nemico durò per tutta la notte del 12 corrente, ma fu senza risultato per gli austriaci."

"Durante la stessa notte del 12 il nemico eseguì due attacchi contro le nostre linee dell'altopiano di Plezzo, ma tutti e due gli attacchi furono respinti dalle nostre truppe."

"Nell'alto Isonzo noi attaccammo le posizioni nemiche nella porzione orientale della conca di Plezzo, ottenendo dal nostro attacco considerevoli risultati, nonostante le difficoltà del terreno."

"Nel settore di Piava il nemico tentò un attacco di sorpresa lanciando un treno blindato contro le nostre trincee, nella notte del 12 corrente. L'attacco fu eseguito precisamente contro le nostre trincee a sud del tunnel di Zagora. L'attacco fu però frustrato dalla efficace e valorosa resistenza delle nostre truppe."

NUOVO PIANO DI GUERRA?

La stampa di Torino riceve dal suo corrispondente romano che nel prossimo consiglio di ministri sarà discussa la questione dei nuovi provvedimenti mili-

tari che sarà necessario prendere in seguito al nuovo accordo tra le potenze aliate per la condotta della guerra. Si dice che questi nuovi provvedimenti saranno analoghi a quelli presi dai tedeschi per ottenere le recenti vittorie contro la Russia.

L'Ageria Libera dice che la recente visita del generale Joffre al fronte italiano e l'assunzione del comando in capo delle forze russe da parte del czar sono indizi di cambiamenti radicali nella condotta della guerra contro gli imperi centrali.

Un dispaccio da Scutari al Giornale d'Italia dice che Esad pascia marcia vittoriosamente contro i Miriditi, incontrando poca resistenza. Si dice che i Miriditi, che erano in favore dell'Austria, ha no mandato una commissione per trattare la pace, e si crede che Esad intenda di proclamarsi ancora e presto capo supremo dell'Albania.

Si era detto che la Bulgaria aveva ormai deciso di entrare nel conflitto uopo tenendosi a fianco degli imperi centrali, e a questa conclusione si facevano giungere diversi sintomi, non ultimi dei quali il concluso accordo con la Turchia per la cessione di una parte della Tracia turca ed il richiamo dei bulgari residenti in Italia per recarsi a prestar servizio sotto le armi. Però la verità è che, a quanto afferma un dispaccio da Sofia, il presidente del Consiglio bulgario, Radoslawoff, continua a trattare con gli inviati plenipotenziari delle Potenze alleate in Italia e li ha informati anzi che la Bulgaria, accettando la cessione fatta dalla Turchia, non si è affatto impegnata in alcuna maniera, politicamente.

1916 War on Mosquitoes Planned

The Chester Avenue Improvement Association has made plans to fight mosquito-borne typhoid and malarial fever. Every effort will be brought to bear on City Councils at every meeting of that body so that sufficient funds may be appropriated in time to start the combat next spring. A meeting of the association was held last night with William J. L. Keeler as chairman.

Smith Heads Sons of Veterans

The Sons of Veterans Club of Pennsylvania has elected Thomas E. Smith, Republican Organization chair for the

majority nomination. Its president, a committee has been appointed by the club to make arrangements for the 25th annual banquet, to be held in honor of the birth of Abraham Lincoln. Several national figures will be invited to deliver addresses.

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The Franklin Institute opened its 92d year of activity last night when it opened its doors to the students taking courses in mechanics and mathematics. The drawing classes will open tonight. The registrations will continue for two weeks more and every indication points to a banner year.

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